

MEXICO'S EAGLE.

The Device on the Flag Comes From an Aztec Tradition.

American people take things very nearly as they find them and avoid asking unnecessary questions if the subject under discussion does not directly concern them. In Mexico it is different, according to the Mexican consul to Kansas City.

"A City of Mexico boy wants to know the meaning of every stripe in the American flag as soon as it is shown to him the first time. What is the meaning of Chicago, Michigan, Nebraska? He takes a keen interest in the names and the symbols. In our country there are many beautiful legends woven about commonplace names. The eagle on the central field of the flag has a history that is semi-mythological and very romantic. Many of the great streets of the capital have grown some tales connected with their names, which suggest them."

The consul then told the story of the origin of the eagle device on the Mexican flag. Only a few hundred years after the Christian era the Aztec tribes started on a long journey south from some point, probably now in the United States. They traveled year after year, stopping a season at a time to cultivate crops. Finally they arrived in the beautiful valley of Mexico.

At a spot not far from the present site of the capital the Aztec emperor consulted the astrologers and was told to follow the flight of the first eagle seen from the camp to its first resting place and there build the city.

One day an eagle was sighted. Scouts were detailed to follow the bird, and in the middle of Lake Texcoco they saw it light on a cactus growing on an island. When the scouts approached they saw it was devouring.

The device of an eagle eating a snake, profile, was adopted as the Aztec coat of arms by Montezuma II. The Mexican republic likewise adopted the eagle and the snake to use on its flag, making the picture face view. The present flag of Mexico was adopted by the Cura Miguel Hidalgo y Costello at 11 o'clock at night, Sept. 15, 1810. There is a story told to the effect that the colors were suggested by an Italian in the rebel army, who made them the same as those of his native country.—Kansas City Journal.

Hair Ropes and Snakes.

The curious black rope was made of hair.

"It is going out to India," said the dealer. "We ship lots of hair ropes out there. They are placed on the floor about beds to keep the snakes off."

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The Burning Diamond.

The great French chemist Lavoisier proved by actual experiment that the diamond is combustible. He imprisoned a diamond in a glass vessel containing air and standing over mercury. By means of a burning glass it was then ignited, and the resulting vapor, being confined in the vessel, was subjected to close chemical scrutiny. This vapor was found to be nothing more nor less than carbonic acid gas, a gas that consists of carbon and oxygen and is produced whenever any form of carbon is burned.—New York American.

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AN IRISH CONSPIRACY.

How an Ulster Reporter Duped a London Correspondent.

A correspondent sends us an amusing instance, for the truth of which he vouches. "It was the time of the plan of campaign," he writes, "and the English Tory papers were doing their best to prove that Ireland was in a condition that would make an armed insurrection at any moment not at all surprising. One of the leading London papers sent over its picked correspondent, a man with a splendid ignorance of everything Irish and a splendid willingness to believe anything of a sensational nature he could hear. Among the places he visited was a little town in Ulster that was about as quiet a spot as he could have singled out anywhere between the north pole and the Rock of Gibraltar. He had the reporter of the local weekly paper into the hotel with him, and over the whisky he set himself to extract from that rather unscrupulous person the 'truth about Ireland.'"

"Is it true," he asked, lowering his voice for a question of so grave an import, "that the peasants are being drilled every night in the use of arms?" The local man could have burst out laughing, but he contented himself with a quiet twinkle and admitted solemnly that the state of the country was getting desperate. The truth seeker then said he was determined to get at the bottom of things and wondered if there was any possibility of his being a witness of one of these midnight drillings. The local man after pondering for a moment thought it might be managed, though it would involve some danger, but he was sure the other didn't mind that.

"It was pouring weather the next night, and the great correspondent was taken away from the fire in the hotel and given a walk of a mile or so along a dark, muddy, deep rutted road. Then he had to scramble through a gap in a hedge and over a wall into a field and walk on tiptoe toward the side of the field. Here he had to get down into the ditch and move along on his hands and knees through the nettles and brambles that he dared not even curse for fear the 'rebels' would hear him. At the end of the field, however, drenched, dirtied, stung, pricked, he had his exceeding great reward. Kneeling in several inches of water, with his chest pressed against a bank of wet earth, he was able to peep through a hole at the bottom of the hedge at certain dim figures in the next field. They were being walked up and down, and now and then the word 'Halt!' or some other word of command was sternly spoken in an undertone and rigorously obeyed."

"It was too dark to see very clearly, but it was clear the conspirators were armed with something long, either pikes or rifles, which they raised into the air every now and then. The local man admitted that this was only one of many fields where such things were nightly practiced. The visitor crawled back to his bed, sore and sneezing, but happy, and probably he tells his friends to the present day of how he saw Irish rebels at their wicked midnight work. Of course the 'conspirators' were only a few of the boys of the place, whom the local correspondent had put up to the joke, and the rifles and pikes were nothing worse than a few simple sticks cut from a hedge."—London Mail.

Sky Signs.

Whether clear or cloudy, a rosy sunset presages fine weather; a sickly looking, greenish hue, wind and rain; a dark or Indian red, rain; a red sky in the morning, bad weather or much wind, perhaps rain; a gray sky in the morning, fine weather; a high dawn, wind; a low dawn, fair weather. Remarkable clearness of atmosphere near the horizon, distant objects, such as hills, unusually visible or raised by refraction and what is called a good "hearing day," may be mentioned among signs of wet, if not wind.—London Tit-Bits.

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French Tact.

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The conversation turned on general subjects, and De Tressan found no opportunity to refer to the past or to make the embarrassed apology which he would no doubt have offered but for his host's tact. Just as he was leaving the duke said, with a mischievous but kindly smile: "Ah, monsieur, you see how in growing old I have lost my memory."

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The Jury's Verdict.

A south Missouri man recently was tried on a charge of assault. The state brought into court as the weapons used a rail, an ax, a pair of tongs, a saw and a rifle. The defendant's counsel exhibited as the other man's weapons a scythe blade, a pitchfork, a pistol and a hoe. The jury's verdict is said to have been:

Resolved, That we, the jury, would have given a dollar to have seen the fight.

—Kansas City Star.

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Long Lived Trees.

Brazilian cocoanut palms live from 600 to 700 years, and the Arabs assert that the date palm frequently reaches the age of 200 to 300 years, says the Dundee Advertiser. Wallan's oak, near Paisley, Scotland, is known to be over 700 years old, and there are eight olive trees on the Mount of Olives near Jerusalem which are known to have been flourishing in 1099. The yews at Fountains abbey, Yorkshire, were old trees when in 1132 the abbey was built, and a redwood in Mariposa grove, California, is a manifold centenarian. Baobab trees of Africa have been computed to be over 5,000 years old, and the deciduous cypress at Chapultepec is considered to be of a still greater age. Humboldt said that the Pracaena Draco at Orotava, on Tenerife, was one of the oldest inhabitants of the earth.

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9:30 pm	3:30 pm	10:00 am	7:30 am	Lv. Jacksonville, Ar.	7:30 pm	7:40 pm	1:15 pm	8:30 am
10:50 pm	4:50 pm	11:10 am	8:50 am	Lv. St. Augustine, Ar.	8:10 pm	8:20 pm	10:42 am	7:05 am
11:45 pm	5:38 pm	11:57 am	9:48 am	Lv. East Palatka, Lv.	8:15 pm	8:25 pm	9:47 am	6:14 am
		12:25 pm		Lv. Hotel Ormond, Lv.		4:04 pm		
1:24 am	6:56 pm	1:35 pm	11:27 am	Lv. Ormond, Lv.	8:34 pm	3:54 pm		
1:35 am	7:06 pm	1:45 pm	11:40 am	Lv. Daytona, Lv.	8:31 pm	3:44 pm	8:24 am	4:19 am
2:20 am	7:42 pm	2:22 pm	12:23 pm	Lv. New Smyrna, Lv.	2:47 pm	3:17 pm	8:00 am	3:45 am
3:14 am	8:35 pm	3:20 pm	1:30 pm	Lv. Titusville, Lv.	1:30 pm	2:20 pm	6:56 am	2:28 am
		3:21 pm	1:31 pm	Lv. Cocoa, Lv.	12:47 pm			
3:52 am	9:11 pm	3:57 pm	2:15 pm	Lv. Rockledge, Lv.	12:43 pm	1:46 pm	6:18 am	1:42 am
			2:50 pm	Lv. East Galilee, Lv.	11:59 am			
6:02 am	11:20 pm	6:05 pm	5:00 pm	Lv. Ft. Pierce, Lv.	11:40 am	4:20 am	4:20 am	11:15 pm
7:50 am	1:08 am	7:55 pm	7:10 pm	Lv. W. Palm Beach, Lv.	7:50 am	9:45 am	2:20 am	5:00 pm
8:05 am		8:10 pm	7:25 pm	Lv. Palm Beach, Lv.	7:30 am	9:30 am		4:00 pm
10:50 am	3:20 pm	10:55 pm	10:15 pm	Lv. Miami, Ar.	7:15 am	12:10 am	6:00 pm	6:00 pm
11:20 am	3:40 am			Lv. Miami, Ar.		11:50 pm	6:00 pm	6:00 pm
12:22 pm				Lv. Homestead, Lv.			11:50 pm	6:00 pm
2:34 pm	6:22 am			Lv. Long Key, Lv.			9:06 pm	1:47 pm
3:20 pm	7:00 am			Lv. Key West, Lv.			8:30 pm	1:00 pm
8:00 pm				Lv. Key West, Lv.				8:00 am
	4:30 pm			Lv. P. & O. S. Co. Ar.				

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5:20 am	No. 46 Daily	5:40 am	5:45 am	No. 47 Daily	6:05 am
6:20 am	No. 48 Daily	6:40 am	6:45 am	No. 49 Daily	7:10 am
8:40 am	No. 50 Daily	9:00 am	9:15 am	No. 51 Daily	9:35 am
9:55 am	No. 52 Daily	10:15 am	11:30 am	No. 53 Daily	11:50 am
12:05 pm	No. 54 Daily	12:25 pm	3:00 pm	No. 55 Daily	3:20 pm
4:20 pm	No. 56 Daily	4:40 pm	4:45 pm	No. 57 Daily	5:05 pm
6:50 pm	No. 58 Daily	7:10 pm	11:20 pm	No. 59 Daily	11:40 pm
11:55 pm	No. 60 Daily	12:15 am	12:20 am	No. 61 Daily	12:40 am

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7:45 am	No. 49 Daily	8:05 am	8:15 am	No. 50 Daily	8:35 am
3:25 pm	No. 53 Daily	3:45 pm	3:50 pm	No. 54 Daily	4:10 pm

No. 25 Su. only	No. 21 Su. only	No. 19 Daily	No. 17 Daily	Mayport Branch	No. 18 Daily	No. 20 Su. only	No. 22 Daily
2:00 pm	10:10 am	6:00 pm	8:00 am	Lv. Jacksonville, Ar.	7:30 am	1:30 pm	5:00 pm
2:40 pm	10:50 am	6:40 pm	8:40 am	Lv. Pablo Beach, Ar.	8:50 am	12:19 pm	4:19 pm
2:46 pm	10:56 am	6:45 pm	8:45 am	Lv. Atlantic Beach, Ar.	8:41 am	12:13 pm	4:13 pm
3:00 pm	11:10 am	7:00 pm	9:00 am	Lv. Mayport, Ar.	6:30 am	12:08 pm	4:08 pm
No. 3 Daily	No. 1 Daily	Orange City Branch	No. 3 Daily	No. 4 Daily	No. 9 Daily	Sanford Branch	No. 10 Daily
3:35 pm	8:00 am	Lv. New Smyrna, Ar.	12:00 pm	7:15 pm	6:30 am	Lv. Titusville, Ar.	1:00 pm
4:10 pm	10:00 am	Lv. Lake Wales, Ar.	11:16 am	5:45 pm	8:30 am	Lv. Sanford, Ar.	10:00 am
4:30 pm	10:30 am	Lv. Orange City, Ar.	11:05 am	4:50 pm			
4:35 pm	10:45 am	Lv. Orange City, Ar.	11:00 am	4:35 pm			

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